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Cc: [Jones, Erica](#); [Allenbach, Becky](#); [Calli, Rosemary](#)
Subject: directed to re-control 3 items to HQ (from R4)
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Wanda and Davina - I was on a call this morning with Mary Walker, Lee Forsgren (Deputy AA for OW), Jeaneanne and several others and the topic of the controlled correspondence was raised regarding the recent letters we received regarding the Yazoo (R4-19-000-8301-C, AX-19-000-8297 and AX-19-000-8295). Mary and Lee agreed these letters needed to be re-controlled from the Region to the Office of Water. Jeaneanne asked me to follow-up with you to let you know, and if you have any questions please let me know. Thanks. Tom (404-562-9243)



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The Honorable Cindy Hyde-Smith
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Hyde-Smith:

Thank you for your September 6, 2019 letter concerning the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to address flooding in the Yazoo backwater area.

The EPA recognizes the disruptive impacts of the recent flooding along the lower Mississippi River and the Yazoo Backwater Area on the day-to-day lives of Mississippians, their homes and the economy of the area. We have an ongoing dialogue with the Corps regarding potential options. My staff and I are next scheduled to meet with Major General R. Mark Toy, Commander of the Corps' Mississippi Valley Division, in Vicksburg on October 22, 2019. We remain committed to working actively and cooperatively with the Corps concerning our Clean Water Act programs while the Corps considers options for providing flood protection.

We appreciate your continued interest in this matter and hope you find this information helpful. If we may be of further assistance, please contact me or Brandi J. Jenkins, Director of the Office of Outreach and External Engagement, at (404) 562-8327.

Sincerely,

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Mary S. Walker
Regional Administrator



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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Mary S. Walker
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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

September 6, 2019


Ms. Mary S. Walker
Region 4 Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Ms. Walker:

We are writing in response to your August 22, 2019, letter to Major General Toy, Commander of the Mississippi Valley Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the Corps), regarding Yazoo Backwater Area flooding. We ask that you and the subject matter experts from your staff meet with General Toy in Vicksburg as soon as possible to discuss the information requested in your letter further. We also request that you reach an agreement on a path toward providing improved flood protection for area residents.

We are confident that the Corps and the Environmental Protection Agency can find a resolution to the Yazoo Backwater Area flooding. We look forward to your meeting with General Toy in a timely manner.

Sincerely,


ROGER F. WICKER
United States Senator


CINDY HYDE-SMITH
United States Senator


BENNIE THOMPSON
Member of Congress